



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

**Department Name:** Public Health  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** February 25, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Mouhanad Hammami, Director Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Anne Carlisle, RN, PHN, MPH, Manager of Communicable Disease Control & Prevention (805) 681-5315  
**SUBJECT:** Ryan White Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Care Program Grant Agreement Number 23-10983 with California Department of Public Health

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize prior Chair Lavagnino's signature for executing Grant Agreement Number 23-10983, with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept funding for the HIV Care Program in the amount not to exceed \$1,151,130 for the grant period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute any future amendments to Grant Agreement Number 23-10983, so long as the amount does not exceed 10% (\$115,113) of the agreement amount and there are no significant changes in the scope of work, upon review and approval by the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time;
- c) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, to make and sign any required certifications and to make Project Representative changes in accordance with Grant Agreement Number 23-10983; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act and is exempt per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities that do not involve

commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to authorize acceptance of the HIV Care Program (HCP) Agreement Number 23-10983 for the grant period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029. This funding will be used for the provision of HIV care and treatment services to low-income people living with HIV throughout Santa Barbara County.

**Background:**

The HCP grant funds HIV support services at the Public Health Department (PHD). Specifically, the County provides medical and support services to approximately 220 people with HIV/AIDS. Services provided from this funding include:

- Health education and risk reduction
- Case management
- Early intervention services
- Emergency housing; and
- Food/nutritional supplements for HIV/AIDS clients and their families

The goals of the funding are to: (1) minimize new HIV infections; (2) maximize the number of people with HIV infection who access appropriate care, treatment, support, and prevention services; and (3) reduce HIV/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)-related health disparities. These goals are consistent with the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

CDPH and all HCP service providers currently use the AIDS Regional Information and Evaluation System (ARIES) to share their data between their providers and facilitated providers' ability to coordinate care and comply with federal data reporting. ARIES has lasted longer than most systems, but it has become difficult to maintain, and its user interface and features are dated. CDPH worked with a vendor to create the new system HCC which will be replacing ARIES. HCC will allow for a better coordination of client care, treatment and support of low-income uninsured, and underserved people living with HIV.

**Performance Measures:**

PHD has a long-standing contractual relationship with CDPH. Funding for this agreement is made available from CPDH using funds provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Executing Grant Agreement Number 23-10983 with the California Department of Public Health will allow the Public Health Department to continue providing HIV Care Program services for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029. The annual funding of \$230,226 is included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget and the FY 2025-26 Recommended budget, and it will be budgeted each year thereafter through March 31, 2029.

**Special Instructions:**

Please request former Chair Lavagnino to sign Attachment A, per Recommended Action A, and return (1) signed Attachment A in color, and one (1) electronic copy of the Minute Order to PHD GROUP Contracts Unit [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – HIV Care Program Grant Agreement 23-10983

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